

PENNSY SETTLES WAGE DISPUTE

Agree to Change in Working Conditions.

ADOPT MILEAGE PAY SYSTEM

Ten Hours to Be a Day's Work and High Pay Runs Protected—Employees Guaranteed Twenty-six Days' Work Each Month.

A tentative settlement of the Pennsylvania railroad wage dispute was reached at a long conference in Philadelphia between General Manager Myers and the subcommittees of the employees. Both sides feel confident that a plan of settlement has been reached, and only the appearance of some new differences in the working out of details can prevent an amicable agreement.

The terms of the settlement have the New York Central award as a basis. The company will effect a change in the working conditions, changing from the "trip" system of pay to the "mileage" system. Men now holding runs with high pay are to be protected. A minimum of ten hours as a day's work is to be established, and the six hour minimum is to be abolished. Men are guaranteed twenty-six working days a month.

The men assert that the settlement is due to a clearing up of misunderstanding. The company asserts it has made no concessions other than those offered six weeks ago.

No further conferences are to be held between the committee and General Manager Myers, unless some unforeseen developments arise. The details of the plans of settlement will now be taken up by the representatives of the several divisions with the general division superintendents, to be worked out as they apply to the conditions of the particular divisions. There are seven general divisions of the system.

A. B. Garrettsen, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, immediately after the conference left the city on the Pennsylvania eighteen hour limited for Cedar Rapids, to attend a meeting of the board of directors of his organization.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, will remain in the city for a few days to be on hand in case his presence is required.

Both sides deny that any marked concessions were made. Officials of the company declare that what the men wanted was \$4.04 for a minimum day of ten hours, and what they got was \$3.63.

The men say the clearing up of misunderstandings marked the coming together of both sides. They point to President McCrea's statement issued last Friday as proving to them that the company misunderstood the demands of the men.

At both conferences all efforts to impress General Manager Myers with the contention that the company had always educated its men to expect higher pay for the same class of work done by men on competing lines was abandoned. The men now declare the only concessions to be granted was on the amount of pay on overtime, in which they accepted 37 cents an hour, instead of 40 cents an hour.

A. B. Garrettsen declares that all the men asked was a change in the working conditions, which they obtained.

Guffey Fails For \$7,000,000.

Colonel James M. Guffey, multi-millionaire oil man, and Democratic leader, has failed. His business affairs have been put into the hands of a receiver.

This announcement was made in Pittsburgh. The exact nature of the failure is not yet known, and no definite figures have been given out. It is announced, however, that Colonel Guffey's liabilities are less than \$7,000,000, and that his assets are easily worth \$17,000,000.

Inability to realize on his assets, which consist largely of coal lands in West Virginia, is said to be the reason for Colonel Guffey's embarrassment. John M. Galey, one of Mr. Guffey's creditors, and a former business partner, went into common pleas court, No. 4, and asked for a receiver for the oil and coal king.

John S. Willard, of Pittsburgh, was appointed receiver and was placed under \$100,000 bond.

Colonel Guffey issued a statement expressing regret that it had become necessary that his affairs be placed in the hands of a receiver, but that it would afford protection to himself as well as to all of his creditors.

"My assets are more than double the amount of my obligations, and I do not expect the receivership to continue for any great length of time," said Mr. Guffey.

The receivership bill filed alleges that Colonel Guffey has not the ready money with which to meet the claims of some creditors who have threatened to sell his collateral. These creditors are understood to be banks in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and other parts of Pennsylvania.

Frozen to Death in July.
Frozen to death in July, with the thermometer around the 90 degree

mark, was the peculiar fate of a young Roumanian known as Paolo, who lived at Florence, N. J., with other foreigners.

Paolo, who works in the Florence iron foundry, succumbed to the heat last Saturday and was taken home. A physician advised the aliens at the house to place ice on the man's head.

Ignorant of caring for such a patient, they placed heavy cakes of ice on the man's chest, back of his neck and about his legs. Alarmed over his benumbed state, the occupants of the house on Monday called in an American neighbor, who saw that the man had been dead some time.

300 Girls Escape as Factory Burns.

Three hundred panic stricken girl employees fled down the stairway to escape death in a fire that, fifteen minutes after it broke out, had practically destroyed the straw hat factory of Rosenau Brothers, a five-story building at Eighth and Vine streets, in Philadelphia, in the shopping district. The fire attracted thousands of spectators to the scene. All the girls escaped unhurt, though several fainted, causing lots of excitement.

Engineer Shocked to Death.

Joshua F. Meyer, who was an assistant engineer in a street railway power house in Washington, D. C., fell against a big electric feeder, and while the mighty magnet gripped him tight 6000 volts coursed through his body. His fellow laborers say Meyer's form, enveloped in sparks and flame, was as tight against the big machine as if he had been fastened there by electrocution. When they pulled down the powerful load, his charred body fell away lifeless.

Woman Found Strangled.

Another case of the murder of a woman under strange and mysterious circumstances was uncovered when Mrs. Rosale Lucashick, of Jersey City, N. J., was found lying dead on the floor of her home on Washington street, her arms and ankles bound and the marks of a strangler on her throat.

A strange man was seen in her home shortly before the strangled woman was found. No arrests have been made.

Death For Two In Flames.

In a \$10,000 conflagration of unknown origin at Enterprise, a small town near Shamokin, Pa., ten houses were burned. Catharine Doyle, five years old, was cremated. Her mother, Mrs. Joseph Doyle, was likely fatally burned, while her husband and three other children sustained burns.

The fire started in their home, and the houses belonged to the Enterprise Mining company.

Ten Years For Former Bank Teller.

Ernest W. Bowman, former assistant cashier of the Citizens' National bank of Tionesta, Pa., was sentenced in the United States district court to ten years in the western penitentiary at Pittsburgh. In May, 1908, Bowman pleaded guilty of misappropriating the bank's funds, the amount involving hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Splinter Kills Little Girl.

While running about barefoot on the grounds of the garden, in which a boardwalk is laid, a week ago, eight-year-old Mary H. Althoff, daughter of W. J. Althoff, of York, Pa., was pricked by a tiny splinter. The wound healed up, but lockjaw developed and the little girl died.

Senator Cummins Has Heart Trouble.

Because of heart trouble, augmented by his hard labors at the recent session, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, has cancelled his lecture dates until Aug. 14. The senator has also been ordered to give up golf and cigars temporarily.

Pennsy Orders 65 Locomotives.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has placed an order with the Brooks plant of the American Locomotive company, at Dunkirk, N. Y., for sixty-five locomotives of the consolidation type, to be delivered this year.

Mrs. Eddy Is 89 Years Old.

Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, the founder and leader of the Christian Science demonstration, observed her eighty-ninth birthday quietly at her home at Brookline, Mass., Saturday.

Cuban Mayor Slays.

Joaquin Gomez, cousin of President Gomez, of Cuba, was shot and killed by Martinez Moles, mayor of Sanot Spiritus. Moles claimed that he fired in self-defense.

GENERAL MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA—FLOUR firm; winter clear, \$4.40; city mills fancy, \$4.65.

RYE FLOUR steady; per barrel, \$4.40.

WHEAT steady; No. 2 red, new, 99c; No. 1, 1.01.

CORN steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 71c; No. 1, 71c.

OATS steady; No. 2 white, 49c; No. 1, 50c; lower grades, 48c.

POULTRY: Live firm; hens, 17c; old roosters, 12c; 13c. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 17c; old roosters, 13c.

BUTTER firm; extra creamery, 21c; per lb.

EGGS firm; selected, 26c; 28c; nearby, 21c; western, 21c.

POTATOES quiet; at 50c; \$1.65 per barrel, as to quality.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE lower; choice, \$7.75; prime, \$7.25; 8.50.

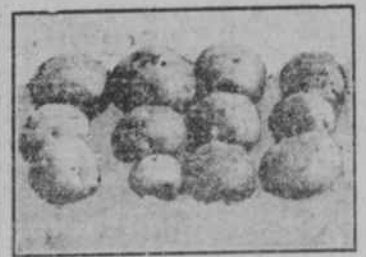
SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$4.50; 4.65; culls and common, \$2.00; 2.10; 2.20; 2.30; 2.40; 2.50.

HOGS lower; prime heavies, \$8.85; 8.90; mediums, \$9.30; 9.40; heavy Yorkers, \$9.35; 9.40; light Yorkers, \$9.45; 9.50; pigs, \$9.50; 9.60; roughs, \$7.50; 9.90.

"TWENTY-FIVE TO THE HILL."

Aim of a Colorado Potato Grower Who Advocates Seed Selection.

Of all the factors in potato growing selection of seed is by far the most important. Some twelve years ago a farmer, E. H. Grubb of Carbondale, Colo., undertook to improve and develop a potato along the same lines that he follows in improving his Shropshire sheep and Shorthorn cattle, using the best method of selection and giving the seed plot the best possible cultivation and irrigation in order to obtain uniformity of product. Since that time he has been selecting seed potatoes of the size and type which he wants to produce. As a twelve ounce potato is about ideal in size, seed potatoes of

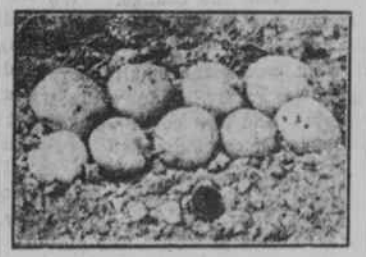


PRODUCT OF A SINGLE HILL.
(Showing heavy yield and fair uniformity.)

that size were selected from the bin in the spring, and then four or five acres were planted in a special plot for seed to be used for the main crop the following year. This plan was followed for twelve years with a potato (the Perfect Peachblow) which, it was said, would degenerate and ultimately run out, but that potato continued to improve during all that time.

Three years ago Professor E. R. Bennett, a specialist in potato work from the east, came to the state agricultural college. He became interested in the work Mr. Grubb was doing and freely complimented him on his success in potato production, but he wanted to take up and further improve the stock. Out of specially selected seed he selected perfect tubers and planted them in a field by themselves, and when the potatoes were ready to harvest all of them were dug by hand and the product of each hill kept separate. All hills that did not have twenty tubers of uniform size without knot, crack or rough end were discarded. No hill was selected unless it came within these requirements, and surprisingly few hills were found which passed muster. Enough were selected, however, to make about 200 pounds, and these were planted the following spring. When harvested it was a most marvelous row of potatoes. By pursuing this method it is hoped soon to have a potato that will make twenty-five perfect tubers to the hill.

In selecting potatoes in the field considerable dependence can be placed on the appearance of the tops. A large perfect top, with several stems of good shape and size, can be de-



PRODUCT OF A SINGLE HILL.
(Showing uniformity of size and shape resulting from selection of seed.)

pended upon to have more tubers under it and of more uniform quality and size than a hill with a single stalk or one with small, weak stems.

One of the essential and most important factors for success in this industry is the selection of perfect seed stock from the hill in much the same way as seed corn is selected in the field from the best individual stalks. There is no other way to get true breed characteristics in potatoes except by selecting seed from the perfect hill.

Chloroforming Plants.

A remarkable series of experiments in the use of anaesthetics to increase plant growth has been made recently at the Vermont experimental station of the United States department of agriculture by Professor W. Stuart, the head of the station. The distinguished German botanist, Johannsson, in 1900 discovered that ether and chloroform administered to plants during their rest period cut short that period and enabled them to send forth shoots earlier than usual. This action of drugs is the reverse of the action upon man, ether, chloroform and their kind rendering dormant many of the functions of the human organism. Johannsson, beyond giving a theory that certain functions which lead to retard plant growth during the rest period are neutralized by the anaesthetics, did not volunteer an explanation of the phenomena he evoked.

Corncocks Useful.

Save the corncocks. They are good for smoking the meat in the absence of hickory wood, and they are splendid for burning to a charred condition for the bogs. The surplus cobs should all go into the manure. They are good absorbers of liquids and improvers of soil texture, besides supplying some fertilizing elements and adding humus to the soil.

To Balance a Ration.

In order to balance a ration and supposing the farmer has grown corn and timothy hay, he should purchase clover hay, bran and oilmeal. Corn and clover hay make a fairly well balanced ration, the corn furnishing the carbohydrates and the clover the protein and mineral matter.

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Branch Hudson, Plaintiff.

against

Mattie Stokes Hudson, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii by the plaintiff, Branch Hudson, from the defendant, Mattie Stokes Hudson.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant Mattie Stokes Hudson is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

A copy—Teste: HORACE ADAMS, Clerk, July 1-10.

Watkins & Brock, p. q.

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P. TULANE ATKINSON, Superintendent.

July 22-24.

IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT Court of the County of Cumberland on the 7th day of July, 1910.

E. B. Hughes, Adm'r of Mary B. Blanton, dec'd.

Complainant

against

Farris P. Nixon, Maggie H. Nixon, Robert E. Nixon and Wm. C. Nixon, Pennington M. Nixon, George F. Nixon, Thomas Van Viper, Nannie Pittman Jones Taylor, Fredericka Jones, John Clark Farris, Annie Farris Campbell, William Blanton Farris, May Jane Farris, Mamie Bell Farris, Lula B. Farris Stringfellow, Thomas Randolph Farris, Hattie Hill Farris, Kate Farris Blanton, Robert Farris Blanton, Phillip Southall Blanton, Prescott Southall Blanton and others.

Defendants.

The object of this suit is to distribute the surplus of the personal estate of the said Mary B. Blanton, dec'd., among the heirs and distributees, and that the said E. B. Hughes, adm'r., may be permitted to settle his account as such adm'r.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendants above named are not residents of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that they do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what may be necessary to protect their interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Farmville Herald, a newspaper published in the town of Farmville, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this county on the 15th day of July, 1910, that being the next succeeding rule day after this order was entered.

A copy—Teste: R. O. GARNETT, Deputy Clerk, July 15-10.

A. B. Armstrong, p. q.

IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CIRCUIT Court of the County of Prince Edward, on the 5th day of July, 1910.

Edgar Allan, Jr., and M. E. Allan, Executor and Executrix of Edgar Allan, dec'd.

Plaintiffs

against

Henry Thomas Bartlett, sometimes called Henry Thomas Homes, Emmett Bartlett, sometimes called Emmett Homes, John Bartlett, sometimes called John Homes, Mariah Elizabeth Homes, Charlie Homes, Robert Bartlett, sometimes called Robert Homes, Ida Bartlett, sometimes called Ida Homes, George Bartlett, sometimes called George Homes, the last three being infants under the age of 21 years, Mary D. Halsey, Dou. F. Halsey, A. B. Dickinson, M. Blair Dickinson, Mattie V. Dickinson, Lelia D. Wysox and Robert F. Wysox.

Defendants.

The object of this suit is to partition a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the town of Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia, and known as part of lot No. 45, Judith Randolph's, cannot be partitioned in kind, to have the same sold and the proceeds from said sale divided among the parties entitled thereto.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant George Bartlett, alias George Homes, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit.

A copy—Teste: HORACE ADAMS, Clerk, July 15-10.

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